

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON APRIL 26, 2004
(Approved May 3, 2004)

The Board of Supervisors held their Workshop Meeting on Monday, April 26, 2004. Present for the meeting were supervisors David K. Leinbach, Robert F. Preston and W. Atlee Rinehart. Also, in attendance was John A. Koury, Jr., Township Solicitor. Mr. Leinbach called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the March 29, 2004 Special Meeting

Mr. Preston moved to accept the minutes of the March 29, 2004 special meeting as presented. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the April 5, 2004 Monthly Meeting

Mr. Preston moved to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2004 monthly meeting as presented. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Leinbach abstained due to his absence at the April 5, 2004 monthly meeting.

2. REPORTS

Reports from Various Departments and Committees

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve the reports from various departments and committees as submitted. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Fund Balances Report

Mr. LaLonde read the fund balance total listed below. Mr. Preston moved to accept the fund balances report as read. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Fund	Checking	Money Market	CDs	Total
General	\$4,478.33	\$8,880.53		\$13,358.86
Capital Reserve		\$995.31		\$995.31
Highway Aid	\$2,453.01	\$65,097.24		\$67,550.25
Tax		\$4,333.83		\$4,333.83
Sanitary Sewer	\$2,106.78	\$450.46		\$2,557.24
Phase I Sewer		\$1,483,570.64		\$1,483,570.64
Police Safety	\$3,943.03			\$3,943.03
TOTAL				\$1,576,309.16

Contexant Water Users Fund

\$6,476.78

Exonerations and Exemptions

Mr. LaLonde recited the exonerations and exemptions presented by Mrs. Constance Megay, Tax Collector. Mr. Leinbach asked if anyone had reason to believe the recited name was not factual. Mr. Rinehart moved to accept the exemptions and exonerations as read. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Mark Vogel asked the status of the sewer extension engineering proposals and Mr. Leinbach reiterated the sewer proposals and traffic improvements proposals will be discussed at the May 3, 2004 monthly meeting.

Mr. David Heim asked the status of the bids for the township building expansion and it was noted the bids are due May 7, 2004.

Mr. Woessner questioned a section of the March 15, 2004 minutes and Mr. Preston stated he would investigate the wording of his statement regarding the proposed driveway/road issue at the Calvary Baptist Church site on Old Schuylkill Road. The issue is to be resolved at the May 3, 2004 monthly meeting.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

2004 Road Projects

Mr. Preston moved to award the 2004 road project contract to the low bidder, Dan Malloy Paving, Inc., per Township Engineer recommendation dated April 15, 2004. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Preston moved to advertise the proposed ordinance amending Section 1115 of the Zoning Ordinance and forward to Chester County and The Grafton Association for review and comment. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Schuylkill River Trail Project

Mr. Bob Folwell of Chester County Parks and Recreation was present and requested permission from the Board of Supervisors to utilize Township easements for the Schuylkill River Trail Project. Mr. Preston requested the Historical Commission submit their input regarding the trail project before approving this evening's request. The Historical Commission will meet with Parks and Recreation on April 27, 2004. Mr. Leinbach stated the easement request would need to be addressed at the May 3, 2004 Board of Supervisors monthly meeting.

Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Leinbach noted the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission should schedule a joint meeting to discuss the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Comprehensive Plan and also pass the report onto Parks and Recreation and the Historical Commission for comment. Mr. Leinbach requested Constance Megay be asked when the Regional Plan Committee needs a response.

Heyser Tract

Mr. Leinbach stated he had asked for United F.C.'s attorney to draft two agreements, one for the completion and dedication of Heyser Park and one for the management agreement to include site maintenance information and \$5,000/year escrow requirement. The agreements

are to be reviewed by Mr. Leinbach, Ms. Bennett (Parks and Recreation Chairperson) and the Township Solicitor.

6. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$101,764.20 on report dated April 26, 2004. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. ADDITIONAL ITEMS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

Mr. Rinehart noted the Bike Rodeo is scheduled for May 8, 2004 and the hazardous waste material drop off at Owen J. Roberts is May 8, 2004.

Mr. Rinehart noted he talked to West End Ambulance and asked if information had been sent to the Township regarding non-emergency carriers. It was suggested the information be posted on the Board and website.

Mr. Rinehart suggested all committee members and supervisors be copied on e-mail correspondence as appropriate.

Mr. Preston moved to sign the Faulk Tract well permit application. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Preston moved to authorize the Township Engineer to perform inspections on all buried objects at the Orchard Ridge construction site. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Preston moved to authorize the Code Official to take appropriate action on the Garramone and Vesty violations and follow through. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Township Solicitor requested an executive session to discuss possible litigation concerning chicken coops.

Mr. Leinbach requested the uniform construction code presentation information be forwarded to the Township Engineer including the certifications necessary. Mr. Leinbach said the Township would need to know if the Township Engineer could meet the certification requirements. Mr. Leinbach noted Labor and Industry would no longer provide the services they had previously.

The Board of Supervisors instructed the Township Manager to send correspondence to County Commissioners, Senator Thompson, and Tim Hennessey regarding the County easement information that had been requested.

The Township Manager noted 50% of the sewer surveys for Penn Vest funding have been received depicting 50% of the systems failing.

The Township Manager noted the school district meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2004 and inquired if the May 10, 2004 special meeting should be cancelled and the Board of Supervisors instructed the Manager gather more information about the school district meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The monthly meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Preston,
Township Secretary/Treasurer